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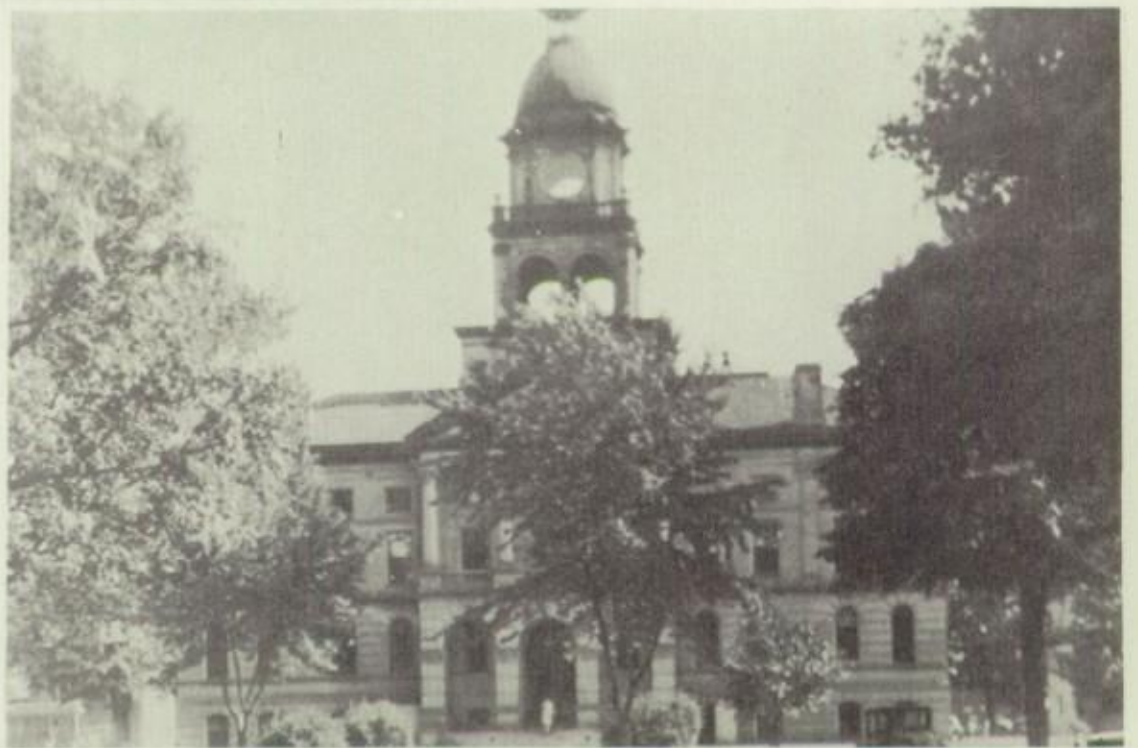
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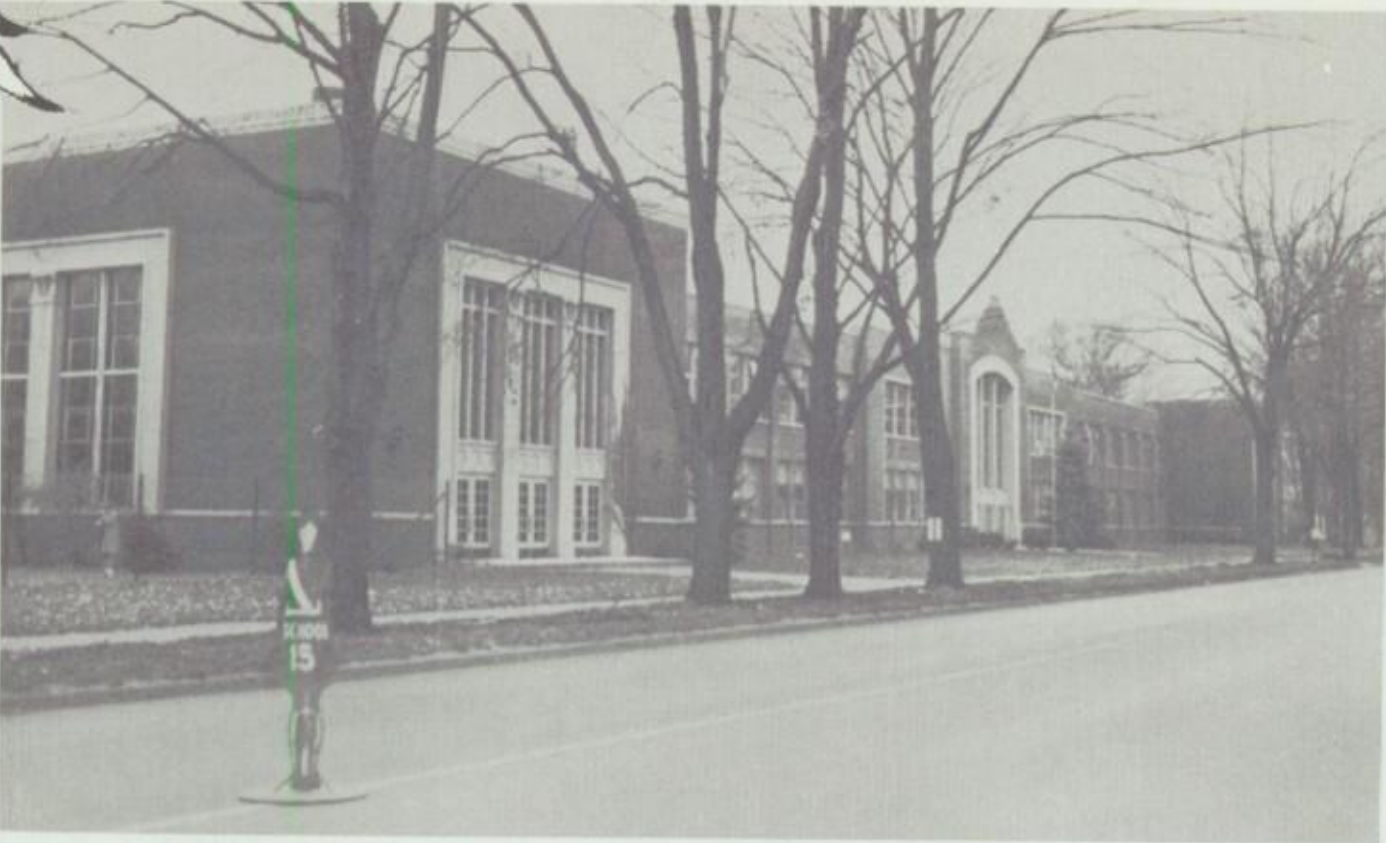
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we dedicate this wappaw



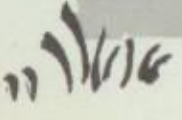
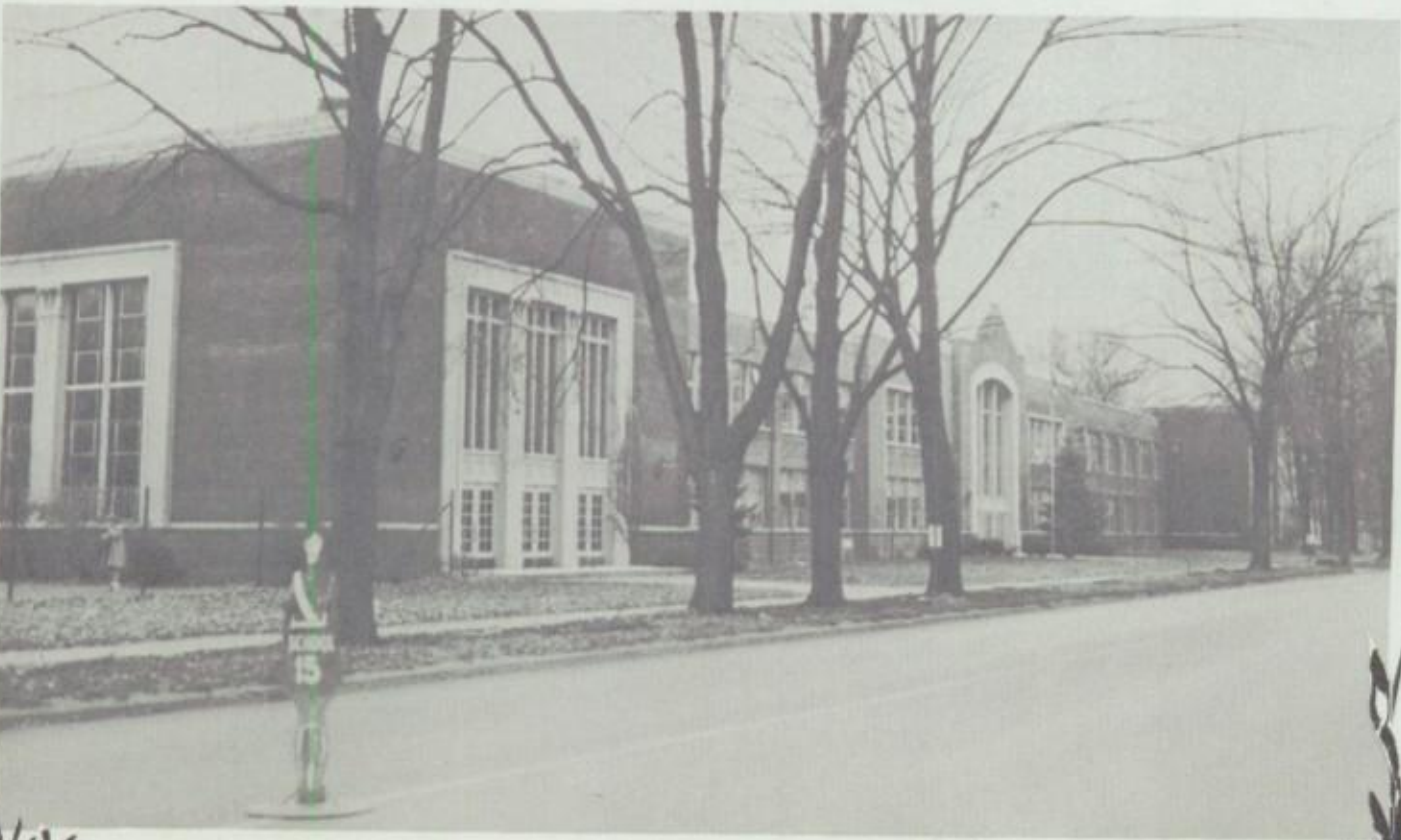
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administration



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First Grade

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Second Grade

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Fourth Grade



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Sixth Grade

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Fifth Grade

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Kindergarten

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Homemaking

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General Education



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English, and Instrumental
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Chemistry, General
Science

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Testing

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Art

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English

Miss Ruth Boot
Coordinator of Guidance

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Sally Ahlgrim
Carol Ampey
Paula Ampey
Karl Benson
Connie Bradley
Kay Bush
Robert Calow
Robert Casanto
Helen Cooper
Ann Fenton
Patricia Cutler
Carol Ford
James Frego

Charles Hawley
Billy Henson
Donnalau Hess
Mary Hogue
Kay Jennings
Rosemary Krumrei
Lawrence Larson
Frank Lula
Richard Lula
Mary Mandigo
Nora Marr
Joyce Masten
Ruth McDaniel
Linda McGuire

7th GRADE

Kaye Mickle
Charles Moore
Violet Oswalt
Charmaine Reschner
Charles Richardson
Clark Rieck
Alice Ritsema
Sharon Rivette
Betty Root
Richard Russell
Nancy Scott
Patty Sirrine



Alex Lanphear
Judith Smith
Robert Smith
Richard Starr
George Stratton
Eugene Terrell
Vera Trafford
Ellen Wartwig
Gary Whitworth
Joyce Waldrop
Jacqueline Glidden
Lawrence Glidden
David Hall
Susan Hall

Lois Ayers
 David Ampey
 Barbara Brynelsen
 Leland Cook
 Vincent Counterman
 Ralph Cutler
 Harvey Deal
 Bill Douglas
 Fred Dunlap
 Dolores Farrow
 George Farster
 Rosetta Flick
 James Foster
 Earl Hummel
 David Halsted
 Dudley Johnson
 Kathryn Krumrei
 Don LaRue
 Sandra Maxam
 Malcolm McLellan



Thomas Smith	Drucilla Plank
Stacy Thompson	Dolores Plug
Fred Wenz	Richmond Rix
Nancy Willard	Billy Sirrine
Jerry Wilson	Lois Soule
Ora Martin	Noreen Terrell

Shirley Daines
 Robert Dudle
 Kenneth Edlund
 Bill Fisk
 Marilyn Ford
 Kenny Goodenough
 Diane Hoyer
 Alice Jordan
 Mary Murch
 Robert Palmer
 Robert Pressey
 Bill Redman
 Charlotte Reits
 Sharon Riecks
 Kathleen Sample
 George Starks
 Margaret Stimac
 Rodney Glidden
 Carol Henson
 James Holcomb
 Dortha Lipp
 Alan Mumbrue
 JoAnn Palmer
 Andrew Pelt
 James Prawat
 Donald Price
 Jack Livingston

8th G R a d e



Janet Quigno
 Gwendolyn Ross
 Reuben Smith
 Clayton Pearce
 David Ross
 Patricia Spiech
 Ann Starr
 Marlow Terry
 Paul Thoms
 Dorothy Weinhart
 Elvin Adams
 Beverly Ballance
 Bob Barnes
 Tom Barnes
 Charles Belanger
 Judith Brockway
 Ruth Brown
 Claudette Chocola
 Diane Cole
 Bill Cooper

Bill Schmidt
 Vernon Tinker
 Elaine Turas
 Francele Adduci
 Verne Branch
 LeRoy Castle
 Ray Cutler
 Ben Demereck





Virginia Verkonski
 Ellen Vukorpa
 Alvin West
 Duane Willett
 Laurel Willsea
 Thomas Zikan
 Roger Midling
 Michael Miller
 Joseph Minarovic
 Mary Mumford
 Richard Mundo
 Norman Newman
 Judith Novas
 Jerry Owens
 Paul Palmer
 Willard Poulin
 Wendy Riedl
 Robert Roat
 Richard Schallhern

Michael Hartman
 Robert Hindenach
 Lillian Hoffman
 Patricia Hoger
 Steve Holcomb
 Tyrrell Hughes
 Richard Husband
 John Hrycko
 Beverly Jacobs
 Bonnie Jenkins
 Chad Johnson
 Kenneth Judd
 Norman Karlberg
 Margaret Kendall
 James LaVanway
 Judy Leslie
 Eugene Lewis
 Lawrence Burns
 Ed Buskirk
 Nancy Byers
 Barbara Carlson
 Larry Coleman
 Larry Conolly
 Elizabeth Coombs
 Wynell Harris
 Diana Daines
 John Demerick

9th G R A D E

Florence Lula
 Roger McCray
 Beverly McGuire
 Alan Mandigo
 Robert Martin

Horace Goodwin
 Doris Goodwin
 Virginia Grimes
 Marjorie Lipp
 Philip Crowder



Pauline Sirrine
 John Spiech
 James Theisen
 Bill Tokarchick
 Beurl Lhamon

Dick Drake
 Mary Dowd
 Larry Elliott
 Sandra Scott
 Wilder Scott

Jacqueline Ambs
 Beverly Ampey
 Reta Ampey
 Roger Baker
 Judy Bell
 Allan Benwire
 David Berner
 Richard Bonarski
 Susan Bowers
 Judy Bowser
 Ralph Birdsell
 Bill Bradley
 Mike Breitenbach
 Linda Fisk
 Fred Fitczyk
 Marilyn Goens
 Roger Goens
 Richard Scotese
 Geraldine Seabury
 Joyce Serbenski



thespian troupe 447



Third row: D. Hoyer, B. Young, D. Paul, T. Bessey, C. Langerveld, B. Henderson, L. Baker. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Webb, S. Swindell, J. Hoyer, S. Burger, J. Hartman, Miss Freer. First row: B. Meyers, S. Cole, P. Blakeman, J. TenHouten, G. Barnes, G. Miller.

The high-light of the year for Thespian Troupe 447 was the presentation of the play, Our Town, by Thornton Wilder.

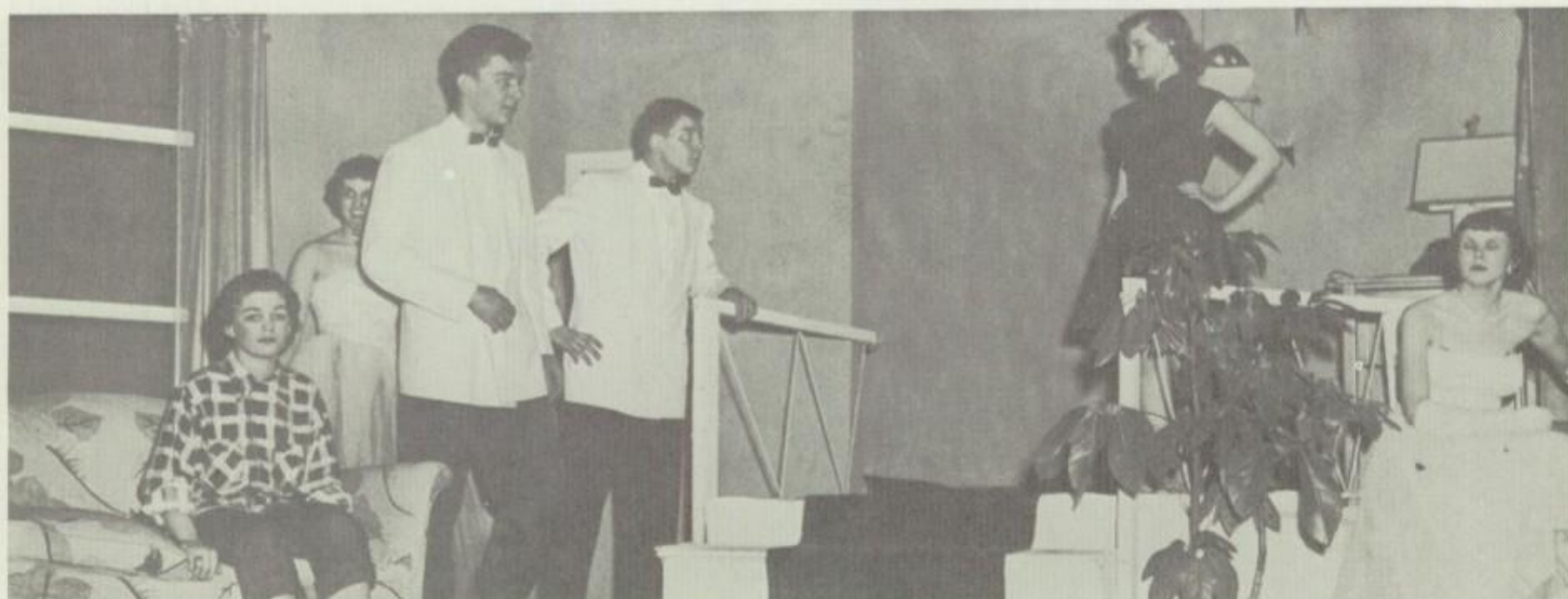
Other activities included a banquet at which new members were officially initiated, and several theatre trips to Kalamazoo.

President: Jacqueline TenHouten
Vice President: Phyllis Blakeman

Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Miller
Clerk: Georgia Barnes



"come over to our house"



Presented by the Junior Class on March 27 and 28, 1953, this light, fanciful comedy was directed by dramatics teacher, Miss Gwendolyn Freer.

The cast included Carl Silas, Larry Baker, Bruce Henderson, David Hoger, Bill Young, Tom Bessey, Dick Paul, Gene Miller, Joanna Webb, Phyllis Blakeman, Judy Hartman, Susan Swindell, Sharon Cole, Martha Pugsley, Susan Burger, Barbara Meyer, Carol Poulin, and Carol Leslie.

Assistant directors were Georgia Barnes and Jacque Hoger, and Charles Langerveld served as the stage manager.



"OUR town"



On November 13 and 14, 1953, the National Thespians presented Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

Under the able direction of Miss Freer, the members of the cast gave a grand performance to an enthusiastic audience.





football

- Row 3. J. Coleman, B. Goens, T. Waters, J. Owens, W. Ampey, C. Silas, J. Abnet, G. Seeley, E. Buskirk, D. Ampey, N. Newman, D. Lamb, D. Soules, A. McMacken.
- Row 2. W. Campbell, D. Spade, G. Blakeman, G. Kolosar, L. Rivette, R. Compton, B. Kruse, G. Castle, J. Wragg, C. White, N. Green, G. Thomas, B. Root.
- Row 1. G. Barkovich, T. Bessey, F. Walters, D. Hoger, J. Goviea, C. Silas, D. Dage, G. Miller, B. Ewert.

Despite the loss of veterans from last year's fine football team, the 1953 squad had a remarkable season of six wins and three losses which earned them third place in the rugged K. V. A. League, only one-half game behind the second place winner.

Determination combined with excellent teamwork proved to be the success formula for the 1953 football squad.





homecoming

Queen Martha Pugsley, with members of her court, reigned over homecoming activities on October 30. A parade, led by the band and including floats from all grades and organizations of the High School, was a feature of the afternoon, and ended with a pep session on South Kalamazoo Street.

Between halves of the football game between the Redskins and the Vicksburg Bulldogs that evening, Queen Martha was crowned by Mr. Hugh G. Archer.

A dance, to which alumni were invited, followed the game and ended the homecoming festivities.



student council



Standing: D. Spayde, S. Overhuel, B. Dorstewitz, H. Areaux, B. Henderson.
Seated: M. Pugsley, T. Bessey, J. Hoger, R. Lanphear.

The two big events of the year sponsored by the Student Council were Homecoming and the Christmas Dance.

The Homecoming parade on October 30 was one of the best in several years, as was the dance after the game.

For the Christmas party, the Council tried something new and held the "Snowflake Frolic" in the Study Hall which was cleverly decorated for the occasion with a Christmas tree and snow man.

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Bessey
Martha Pugsley
Jacque Hoger

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Jacqueline Johnson
 Ronald Klazura
 Martha Kendall
 Constance Lambert
 Carolyn Landers
 Cornelia Lozanske
 Alan McDaniel
 John McGuire
 Allen McMachen
 James McNellis
 Irene Meabon
 Sharon Mikle
 Daniel Wojciechowski
 Glenda Wolf
 Sharon Wolf
 Elden Sample
 Robert Mock

Earl Agate
 Helen Areaux
 Carol Bessey
 Eddie Beutler
 Gordon Blakeman
 Russell Boley
 Lenora Boyne
 Bill Brynelsen
 Janet Burns
 Lillian Cesokas
 John Coleman
 Mildred Compton
 LeMoine Curtis
 Deloris Davis
 Robert DePierre
 Georgiana Dimas
 Bonnie Douglas
 Kay Ewert
 Susan Farrington
 Buz Fender
 Eloise Glidden
 Yvonne Goodrich
 Nick Green
 Royal Haefner
 George Hatrick
 Bill Hess

Barbara Zikan
 Tom Anson
 Walter Coombs

Georgia Schmidt
 Marvin Scruggs
 Marcia Sheffer

10th G R A D E



Donald Moon
 Loretta Moore
 Adele Mumford

James Higley
 Thomas Hood
 Lewis Johnson

Eugene Sherrod
 Gilbert Seeley
 Clare Silas
 Ruth Skibbe
 Harold Snellgrose
 Richard Spayde
 Judy Stanis
 Charles Stearns
 Gregory Tirlich
 Lillian Tyler
 David Walker
 Tom Waters
 Carol Nardielle
 William Outman
 Linda Pearce
 Robert Redman
 Martin Reschner
 Bernard Ross
 Geraldine Ziegler



Bert Kruse
 Gladys Kruta
 Rosemarie Labadie
 Suzanne Larson
 David Lamb
 LeRoy Lesser
 Delphine Lula
 Fred Lula
 Linda Longcore
 Betty McKinley
 Richard McNellis
 Betty Marr
 Betty Martin
 Madelyn Masten
 Hugh Maxam
 Coleman Mock
 Susan Overheul
 Dean Soule



Jerry Abnet
 Ronnie Adams
 John Adriance
 Keith Huey

Jerry Sackett
 Robert Seeley
 Donald Sirrine
 Virginia Roberts

Don Ampey
 Wilbur Ampey
 Marilyn Beattie
 Bill Belen
 Linda Benson
 Russell Boley
 Edward Bradley
 Reuben Calow
 Faye Campbell
 Gordon Castle
 Ronald Compton
 Jerry Coombs
 Phillip Curtis
 Bill Dorstewitz
 Lenore Feige
 Ted Felcyn
 Jacob Frego
 Marian Huey
 Sandra Johnson
 Emogene Jordan
 Lucille Kately
 Carol Klazura
 George Kolosar
 Jim Kowalski
 Dorothy Powell
 Mary Reed
 George Richmond

11th G R A D E



Roberta Goens
 Ruth Goodenough
 Eleanor Gronau
 Gloria Gyarmathy
 Charlotte Hose
 Margaret Harris
 Lynn Rivette
 Sharon Rumsey
 Robert Trafford
 Audrey Venckus
 Gloria Verkonski
 Hale Whisler
 Clifford White
 James Wragg
 Jim Bowser
 Kay Rix
 Anita St. Pierre

Claudette Szafranowski
 Edwin Thomas
 Garry Thomas

Joanna Platek
 Elaine Pedersen





choir

With a membership of ninety, the High School Choir has done a fine season's work. The first performance of the group was a guest appearance at Lawton High School early in the year.

The choir presented a Thanksgiving program before a student assembly on November 25, and gave the traditional Christmas program on Wednesday evening, December 16, in the High School Auditorium.

The group took part in the Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival on April 29 in Kalamazoo, and also gave a fine performance at the annual Spring Concert.

Choir Council:

President: Gil Seeley

Vice President: Pat McNellis

Secretary-Treasurer: Judy Hartman

Librarian: Phyllis Blakeman

Gown Custodian: Barbara Meyer

General Manager: Joe Govia



Third row: T. Bessey, G. Seeley, D. Hoger, C. Silas, S. Burger, E. Vukorpa, P. McNellis. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Hoger, J. Webb, B. Dorstewitz, C. Stearns, L. Feige, L. Moore. First row: C. Bessey, J. Hartman, M. Scruggs, B. Henderson, L. Coleman, B. Meyer, R. Lanphear. Accompanist: J. Murch.

varsity choir

The Varsity Choir consists of twenty members and, besides its regular appearances with the choir, has made various community appearances.

The Varsity Choir is a fairly new idea at Paw Paw and it is a privilege to belong to the organization. The only requirement for membership is membership in the regular choir. New members are chosen by those members remaining from the previous year.





CONCERT BAND

Each year many students try out for the Paw Paw Bands. Approximately 85 are selected to play in the Symphonic Concert Band. These successful students study band music with regular professional routine. The organization is composed of selected musicians whose main purpose is to study and perform the highest forms of music, and to give members contact with a large amount of the best music as a part of the educational program.

The Symphonic Band has won acclaim throughout the area for its annual "Band Show" and Pop Concerts. During 1954 the Tri-Cities Concert Series continued to gain in popularity. Outstanding guest conductors were secured for these traditional events. A Spring Band Tour climaxed a successful year.

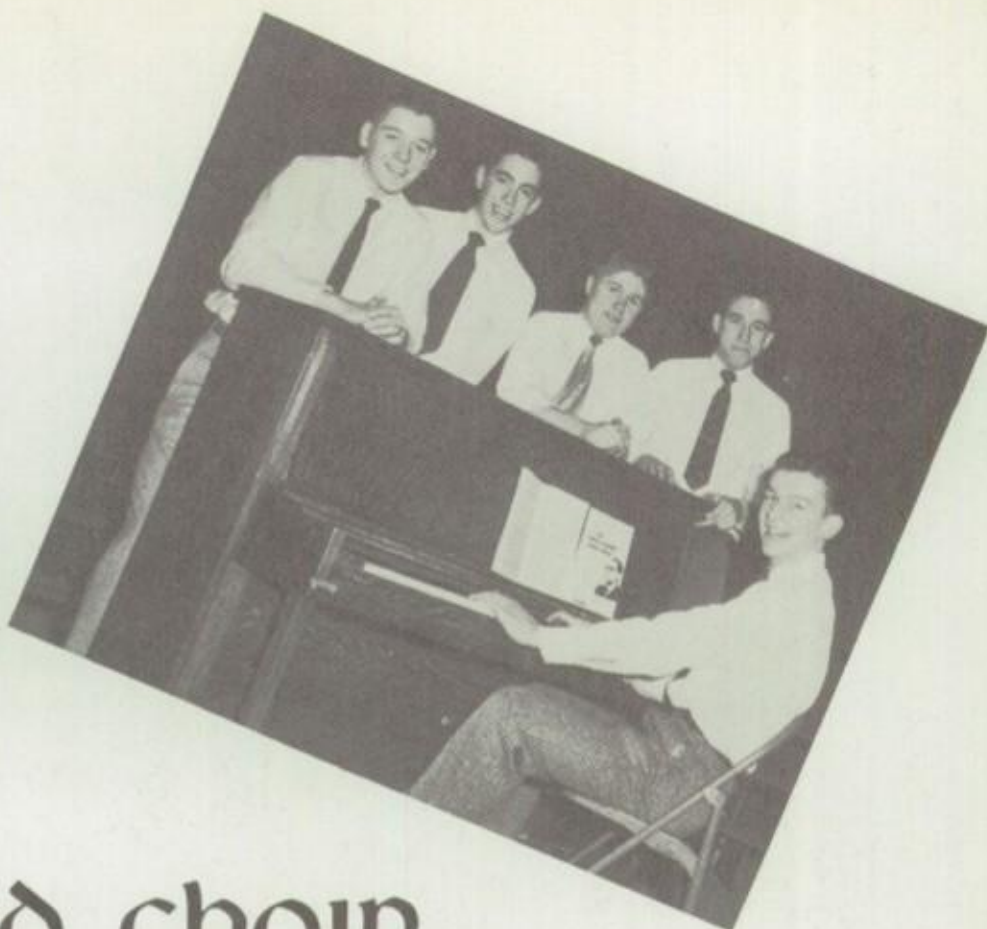
Since its founding, the Symphonic Band has continually risen to take its place as one of the finest organizations of its kind. It is looked upon with pride by the school, the community, and each band member.

Dance Band



Second row: J. LaVanway, B. Outman, F. Walters, Mr. McEmber, L. Kately, J. Murch. First row: T. Bessey, C. Hose, M. Masten, R. Lanphear, R. Husband.

"The Modernaires", popular dance band composed of high school students and directed by Mr. Robert McEmber, made several appearances at school functions during the year. Their first appearance was at the Homecoming Dance on October 30. Again on December 12, they performed at the "Snowflake Frolic", the annual Christmas party.



BAND and CHOIR



features



Latin club



Second row: R. Mock, G. Blakeman, B. Hess, D. Walker, G. Seeley, S. Paulus M. McNellis. First row: C. Lambert, D. Davis, M. Sheffer, M. Kendall, A. Mumford, G. Demis, G. Ziegler, L. Moore. Seated: Miss Kirby, S. Farrington L. Pearce, T. Hood, L. Cesokas.

The Latin Club of Paw Paw High School was organized in October.

The purpose of the club is to encourage the study of Latin and to support other worthy activities of the school and the community.

First year Latin students were initiated as members during the second semester. A bigger and more beautiful Roman banquet was the main project of the year.

President: Tom Hood
Vice President: Lillian Cesokas

Secretary: Linda Pearce
Treasurer: Susan Farrington

future farmers of america



Paw Paw Chapter 49 of the Future Farmers of America is a branch of the national organization.

It is a club of boys with a genuine interest in agriculture.

Activities during the year have included field trips to study various phases of farming, planting and caring for shrubbery, and sponsoring the regional F. F. A. contest on March 2.



President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Watch Dog

George Barkovich
Ed McKee
Ron Compton
Glen Belanga
Ed Bradley
Don Ampey



Basketball

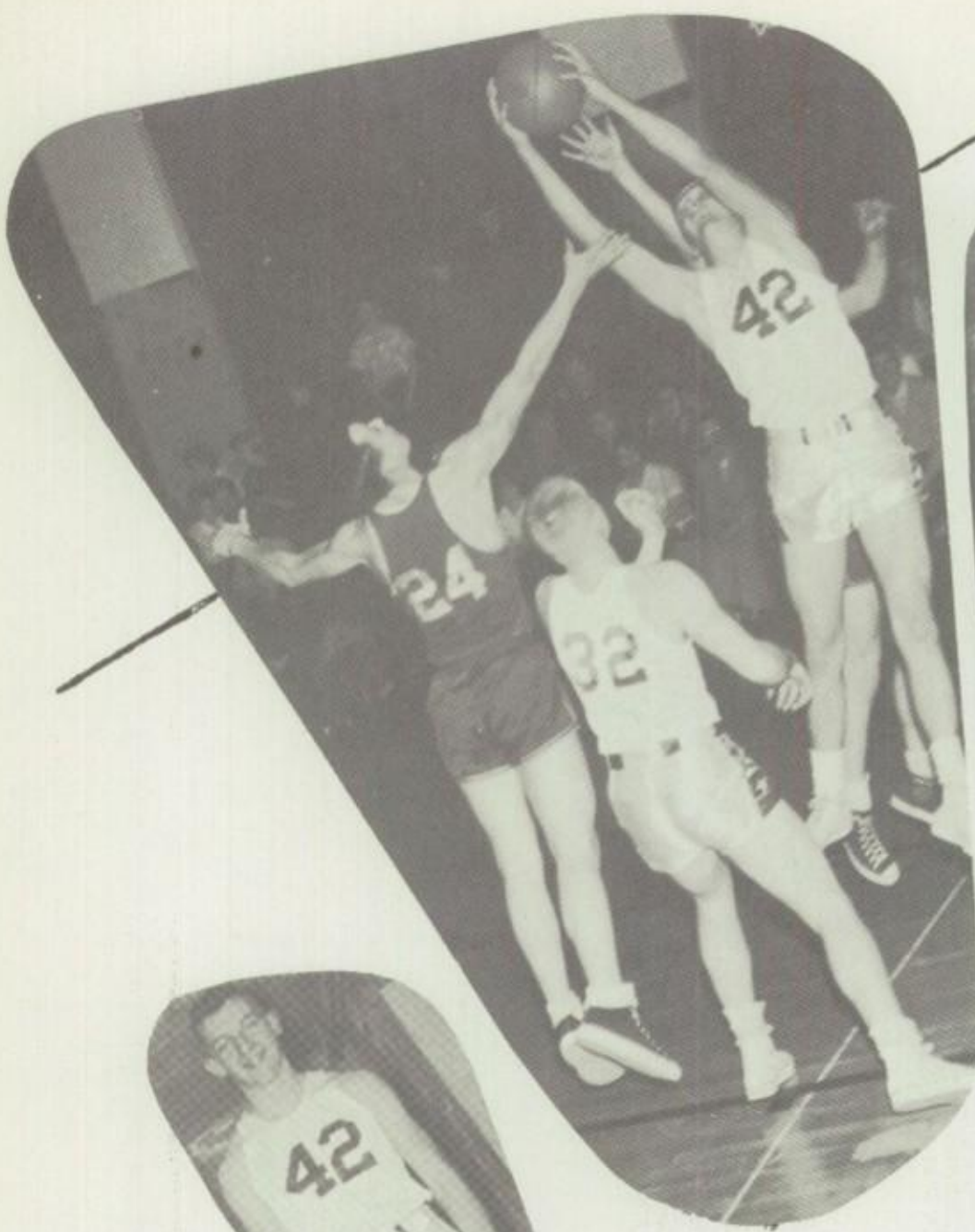


Standing: J. Webb, R. Bukovac, P. Blakeman, A. Stoughton.
Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund.

Standing: J. Webb, E. Taylor, R. Bukovac, S. Cole.
Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund, A. Kubian, J. Whitmore.

Volleyball





Basketball



Standing: L. Rivette, E. Bradley, B. Seeley, J. Abnet, B. Kruse, D. Ampey, J. Wragg. Seated: B. Henderson, D. Hoyer, C. Silas, J. Govia, G. Miller, Coach Wayne Falan.

The Redskins turned out a very successful year in basketball. They lost their season opener to Mattawan, then won fourteen games for a winning streak which was abruptly ended by St. Augustine in the district tournament.

Paw Paw won the K. V. A. Tournament at Vicksburg, received the league trophy at the close of the season, and was honored by the presentation of a plaque by the Kalamazoo Gazette for top ranking among twenty-one Class C teams in the area.

Three senior players- Joe Goveia, Dave Hoyer, and Gene Miller- made the all K. V. A. nomination. They, with Bruce Henderson and Carl Silas, will be missed by next year's squad.



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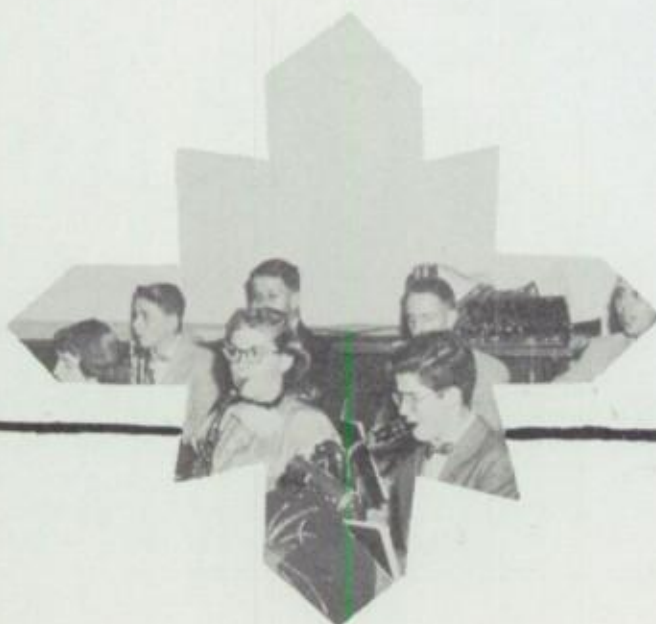
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David Hoyer
President



Carl Silas
Vice President



Miss Freer
Advisor



Mr. Mc Guban
Advisor



Ruby Bukovac
Treasurer



Joanna Webb
Secretary

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Alice Kubian, "Al" "If life is worthwhile, meet it with a smile."

Love of dancing...shoulder bag...darling brothers...
"Oh, yeah?"

Leaves her latest dance steps to future Arthur Murray enthusiasts.

In twenty years.. head of Sardine, Inc., Norway.

Edna May Taylor, "When she says she will, she will; you can depend on it.
When she says she won't, she won't, and that's the end of it."

maroon jacket...makin' hamburgs...that hair cut...Billy Boy.

Leaves her position at the bass drum to Jim Higley.

In twenty years.. cans "Ketmuspicion", the "All-in-One"



Judith Hartman, "Jude" "A winning way, attractive face, ambition fitting her for any place."

Love of Italians...clarinet...sweet disposition...
blond hair...cleaning "hypo" needles...blushes...
"How about a lap around the track?"

She leaves for Michigan State and her test tubes.

In twenty years.. Miss America of 1960.



Thomas Bessey, "Tom" "What! No girls in heaven? Just leave me here."

Four wheel drive...any Crystal Flash stamp missing, Tom?...going steady...

Leaves his first chair trombone to Mike Hartman.

In twenty years.. number one debater for the Republican Party.





Joseph Goveia, "Joe" "A rare combination, so we've heard tell- A very good scholar and athlete as well."

huge frame...good sportsmanship...sense of humor...
"long distance...Gobles 7 F 14"...green Studebaker...

Leaves his temper to anyone who wants it. Any offers?

In twenty years- Einstein's sidekick.

Jacqueline Ten Houten, "Jack" "Listen to her for one hour and you'll laugh for two."

Texas drawl...cowboy boots...love of horses...books...
car...Lawton...teapots...her dandy jokes...

Leaves her wise-cracks and good jokes to Ed. Buskirk.

In twenty years.. Chief Bookie at Churchill Downs.



Georgia Barnes, "George" "A peppy girl with blue eyes, a personality twice her size."

How that girl can talk..."Don't worry, baby, it'll be alright"... "Light and Bright".....

Leaves her well beaten path to Western to anyone who can bum a ride.

In twenty years..international hostess, with the 'mostest' on the ball.



Glen Belanga, . . "Men of few words are good men."

Where's your class ring. Curly? . . clean that windshield well . . noisy black Ford.

Leaves his astounding ability in government class to Jim Wragg.

In twenty years . . world's greatest news commentator.





Marlene Edlund, "There's a little bit of bad in every good little girl."

Pretty blonde hair...athletic ability...how about that dandy truck...what a driver!...friendly... "number please".

Leaves her love for Chicago to Lucille Kately.

In twenty years.. permanent chaperone for Senior trips of future Paw Paw students.

Carl Silas, "Si" "Girls, he's not shy, take a look and give a sigh."

6'5"....curly hair...deer... Model A car...football... basket-ball...always ready to help...wiggle your ears...

Leaves his ability to serve punch at dances to Fred Lula.

In twenty years.. Head clown on Big Top.



Gene Miller, "No sinner and no saint perhaps, but, well, the very best of chaps."

Sports...friendly...good looks...tall...smart... mind of his own...

Leaves his small parts in the plays to Hale Whisler.

In twenty years.. weight lifter for Barnum Bailey Circus.

Joanna Webb, "Jo" "Peaceful, thoughtful, resigned, always modest, sweet, and kind."

Drums...sweet...likeable...athlete...clothes.

Leaves her place in the band to Jim Higley.

In twenty years.. President of the world's 4H Clubs.



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Bruce Henderson "Bones" "Such men as he are the cause of women hating each other."

Oldsmobile...down by the riverside (PawPaw River, that is)...good-natured...smooth dresser...where's your glasses...guns...

Leaves his ways with the women to Dick Spayde.

In twenty years.. Africa's "biggest" game hunter.

Martha Pugsley, "Life without mischief is no fun."

Blue-grey skirt...dreams...job at record shop...
"That's cool"...Western..."Who's up there, Martha?"

She leaves her third hour trips to Kay and Anita.

In twenty years.. National Woman Golf Champion.



Ruby Bukovac, "The more of her you know the fonder you will grow."

A very sweet gal...Girls' State...class officer...willing worker...

Leaves her ability to keep her own class ring to Lenore Feige.

In twenty years.. runs roller coaster at Coney Island.

Stephen Paulus, "Steve" "One who is willing to do what must be done."

Languages...farm...truck...band..

Leaves his cornet to a deserving Junior.

In twenty years .. Language interpreter for U.N.





Charles Langerveld, "Chuck" "All great men are dead
and I don't feel well."

Sunny disposition (?)...taxi service...what's that
on your ear, Chuck?...beard...easy on the punch...
liquid, that is...

Leaves Miss Freer a bottle of brown dye to cover
all the gray hairs he caused.

In twenty years.. arguer against anything anyone
else is in favor of.

Susan Swindell, "Cass" "I'd rather be little and shine,
than be large and cast a shadow."

Blue Chevy car...scatter brain...Tweed perfume...
good dancer...collection of class rings...short hair..

She leaves her inability to understand jokes to Sue
Johnson.

In twenty years... head tennis coach at University
of Michigan.



Patricia McNellis, "Pat" "I need no ship to cross the tide
of success."

Friends...winning ways...books...hours of study...smile
...telephone office...

Leaves her knowledge of English to anyone who will sit
and listen.

In twenty years - business manager at Macy's Store.



William Young, "Bill" "I don't let my studies inter-
fere with my education."

Olds...Japanese(?)...black curly hair...ability to
get into mischief...Mr. Stavinski...

Leaves his government and physics books to Reuben
Calow - "Make better use of them than I did."

In twenty years.. official interpreter for the
Japanese Embassy.



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Phyllis Blakeman, "Phyl" "She turns her back on boys and then turns around backward."

Short hair...boy troubles...clothes...corny jokes...
"Come on, you guys"....

Leaves her ability to collect brownie points to Carole Nardielle.

In twenty years.. president of the Lonely Hearts Club.

Susan Burger, "Clem" "As quiet and inconspicuous as a World War."

Love of cashmere...'53 Mercury...How's the transmission...men!!..."Fifty cents worth of gas, please."

Leaves for Northwestern to acquire more knowledge.

In twenty years.. Tunes and dusts pianos in Carnegie Hall.



Barbara Meyer, "Barbie" "In each cheek appears a pretty dimple."

Diamond...office practice...Kalamazoo...Chevie...
Meyer's Dry Goods...

Leaves for Kalamazoo...Here I come, Bill.

In twenty years.. works in pineapple cannery in Hawaii.



Lawrence Baker, "Larry" . . "I like work. It fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."

Blue convertible . . green shirt and blue pants . .
Oh, no! . . . blushes easily . . "Where's the lawn -
mower, Lar?"

Leaves his delightful hours of working in his father's grocery store to Gordon Blakeman.

In 20 years - will be running for governor on the Prohibition ticket.





Jacquelyn Hoger, "Jacque" "Every one has her faults and being nice is hers."

Nice smile...steno notebook...hair styles...always happy...

Leaves her sunny disposition to Sandy Johnson.

In twenty years.. hair stylist for M.G.M.

Glenn Gustafson, "Gus" "Beware, even yet I may do something sensational."

Glasses...brain...Plymouth...quiet ways...a really swell guy...

Leaves his mathematical ability to Reuben Calow.

In twenty years- physics teacher at Paw Paw.



Evelyn Vukorpa, "Ev" "Good-natured and full of fun - one who's liked by every one."

athletic...always smiling...Gene...red bathing suit..."How about that picture?"...

Leaves her saxophone to Wendy Riedl.

In twenty years.. teaches phys. ed. at Paw Paw.

Ruth Lanphear, "Ruthie" "A woman always has the last word."

Her sweaters...typing room...giggling...temper, temper!

Leaves her gift of gab to Judy Bell.

In twenty years.. Tony Curtis' private secretary.





Judith Murch, "Judy" "May she never change, except her name."

Baton...musical ability...Spanish...black hair...
Michigan State...

Leaves her perfect ways and manners to Linda Pearce.

In twenty years .. model for Powers.

Richard Paul, "Dickie" "From little sparks burst a mighty flame."

"W 8 L M K"...generous...book of matches...
Phillips 66...Frank Smith...radio H A M

He leaves his copy of the Universal Code of Military Justice to Gene Sherrod.

In twenty years... head phone tapper for F.B.I.



Frank Wayne Walters, "Frankie" "Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive!"

Cornet...turning cars over...crew cut...muscles...

Leaves his sophomore girl to walk to Band by herself for the next two years.

In twenty years.. directs his own dance band Frankie's Fearsome Five.



Susan Wilson "Helpfulness is her second nature."

Always neat...sweet disposition...her boy friend...
earrings...

Leaves her friendly ways to Loretta Moore.

In twenty years.. dietician at the Waldorf -
Astoria.





Carol Poulin, "The world's no better if we worry -
life's no longer if we hurry."

glasses...boy's ring...Government.

Leaves for Western!

In twenty years.. department store detective.

Carol Leslie, "She's a happy little country girl."

Scads of books...alto voice...sewing machine...
cook book..."wouldn't be surprised"

Leaves, but her sisters will carry on her shy ways.

In twenty years.. missionary to the long lost Aborigines.



Mary Caroline Taylor, "Mary" "I am a woman - when
I think, I must speak."

Long hair...glasses...writing poetry...language
classes...oh, Dick...green Ford...plaid coat...

Leaves her curls to Diana Daines.

In twenty years.. columnist for Paw Paw's Daily
Journal, her latest article
entitled "How to Get Along
With Your Big(?) Sister."



Betty Pedersen "Visible red hair but where's the
temper?"

absences...neat...man-hater...likes government?

Leaves - Who know's where? Not us!

In twenty years.. first woman candidate for
president.





David Hoyer, "Dave" "I'm willing to be convinced, but find the one who can convince me."

Athletic...stubborn...M.S.C....deer hunting...a heck of a nice guy...him we like...

Leaves his ability to argue with the teachers to Clifford White.

In twenty years.. Watch out, Hoover..Dave's after your position in the F.B.I.

Sharon Cole, "Thoughtful and resigned - modest, sweet and kind."

work at Parkway..."Catsup with the french fries, please"...Ken...volley-ball...typing

Leaves her love of Mattawan to - on second thought, who would accept it?

In twenty years.. business manager for Freer Productions, Incorporated.



Shirley Monroe, "Shirl" "On her third finger there is a sparkle."

Muscles...sweet...small...Ford cars...Spanish...blue skirt...hope chest..."Number, please"....

Leaves to set up housekeeping.

In twenty years.. ballet star in the production Red Shoes.

George Barkovich, . . "Be quiet and be safe."

He's learning fast . . . his numbers . . football, that is.

Leaves his F. F. A. jacket to Jim Bowser.

In twenty years . . President of Almena Agricultural School for Girls.





Jeanne Schrupp, "Jean" "Not too serious, not too gay, but she has a pleasing way."

Clarinet... muscles... athlete...telephone office... blond hair.

Leaves her seat in bookkeeping to some willing Junior.

In twenty years.. Star for Women's Pro Basketball Team.

Richard Dage, "Dick" "I don't mind coming to school.. but the bells keep me awake."

Tall and big...easy going...well liked...trumpet trio...3 Jacks..."Know what I mean!".

Leaves to find a better place to sleep.

In twenty years.. professor of meteorology at the State University.



Edward McKee, "Ed" "I'm not as bashful as I look."

F.F.A. jacket...his Soph. girl...good looks...shy ways... his car.....

Leaves his shy glances at girls to Jerry Abnet.

In twenty years.. plays the part of Frankenstein.

Wanda Skibbe, "Life's short and so am I."

Blond hair...shortness...journalism...Chevie convertibles.. trips to Watervliet...working at laundry...

Leaves her love of basket ball to Sharon Wolf.

In twenty years.. Bag pipe instructor at the University of Scotland.





Alice Faye Stoughton, Alice "A little shy perhaps, but not too shy to be friendly."

Red hair...blush...long walks home...work at Dillons'

Leaves her abundance of freckles to Linda Fisk.

In twenty years.. author of best seller, "How to Jerk Sodas in Three Easy Lessons."

Lucinda Hall, "Cinda" "Behind that quiet look..a daring mind."

How many days till graduation?...convertible...
work at Parkway...likeable...

Leaves gladly!

In twenty years- Latin teacher at a university.



Jeannine Whitmore, "A face with smiles overspread-
she sighs not but laughs instead."

Jokes...car...pink sweater...dime store...

Leaves her notes in Government to James Mock.

In twenty years.. Champion bean thrower.

Margaret Berner, "Peggy" "Easy to know and easy to like."

Long flowing tresses...weakness for red heads...flippin'
hamburgs...long walks home on cold days.

Leaves for - who knows where - Don?

In twenty years.. Swimming instructor at Y.W.C.A.



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Best-looking



Cutest



Class athletes



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Cutest smiles

Friendliest

Most generous

Prettiest hair

Class gigglers





Best all-around



Most bashful



Prettiest eyes



Class wits

Class dreamers

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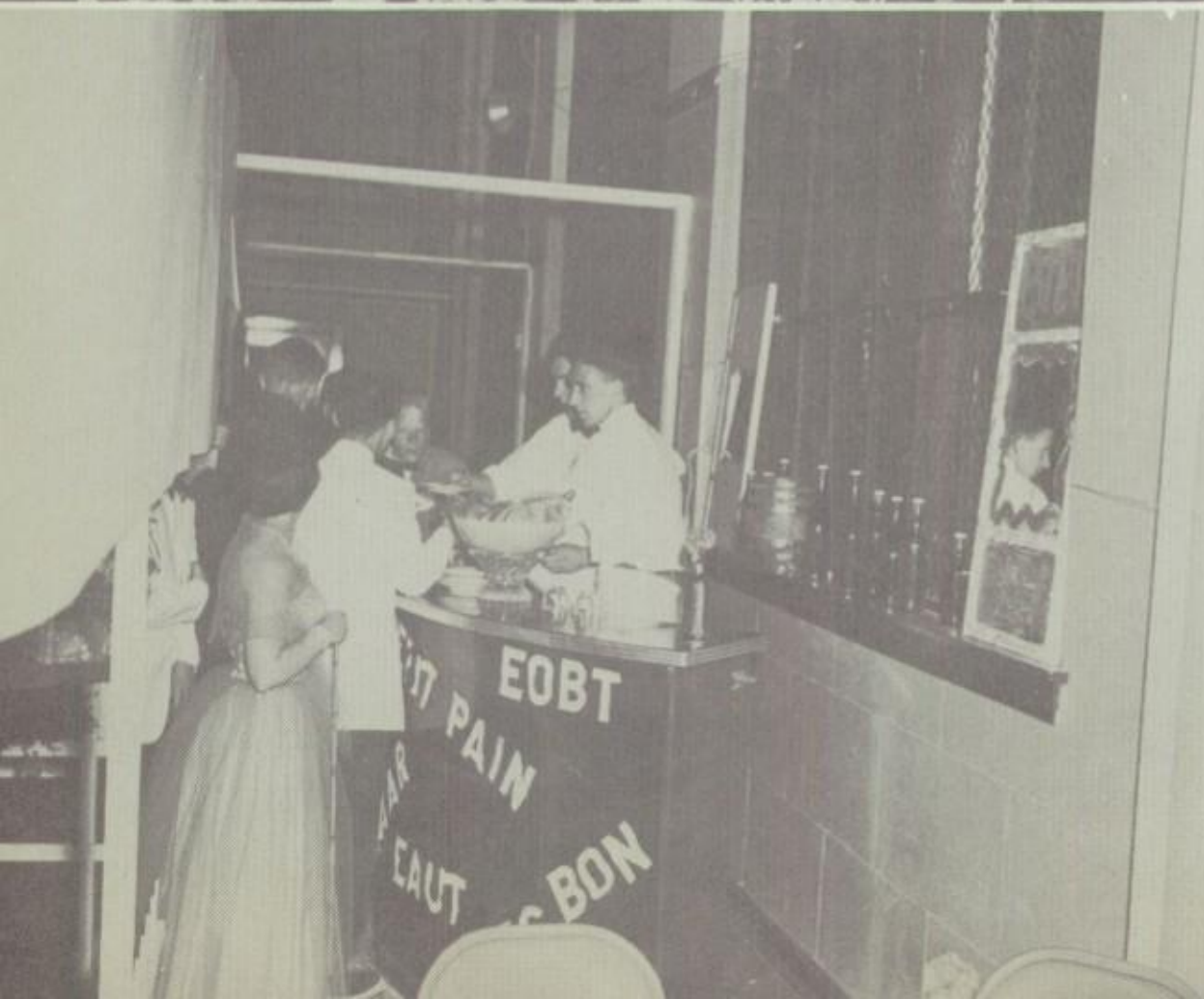
Most likely to succeed



Best dancers

Best-dressed





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"A Night in Paris" was the theme of the prom when the Seniors of '53 were entertained by the Juniors.

On May 23 the gym was transformed into a street in Paris, complete with sidewalk cafe.

Lining one side of the room were several shops. Guests entering the gym were provided with 'money' with which they could purchase perfume, hats, magazines, and canes.

On the opposite side of the room was the cafe "Moulin Rouge."

Opposite the bandstand, which was a huge inverted umbrella, was a goldfish pond with fish,

in paris"

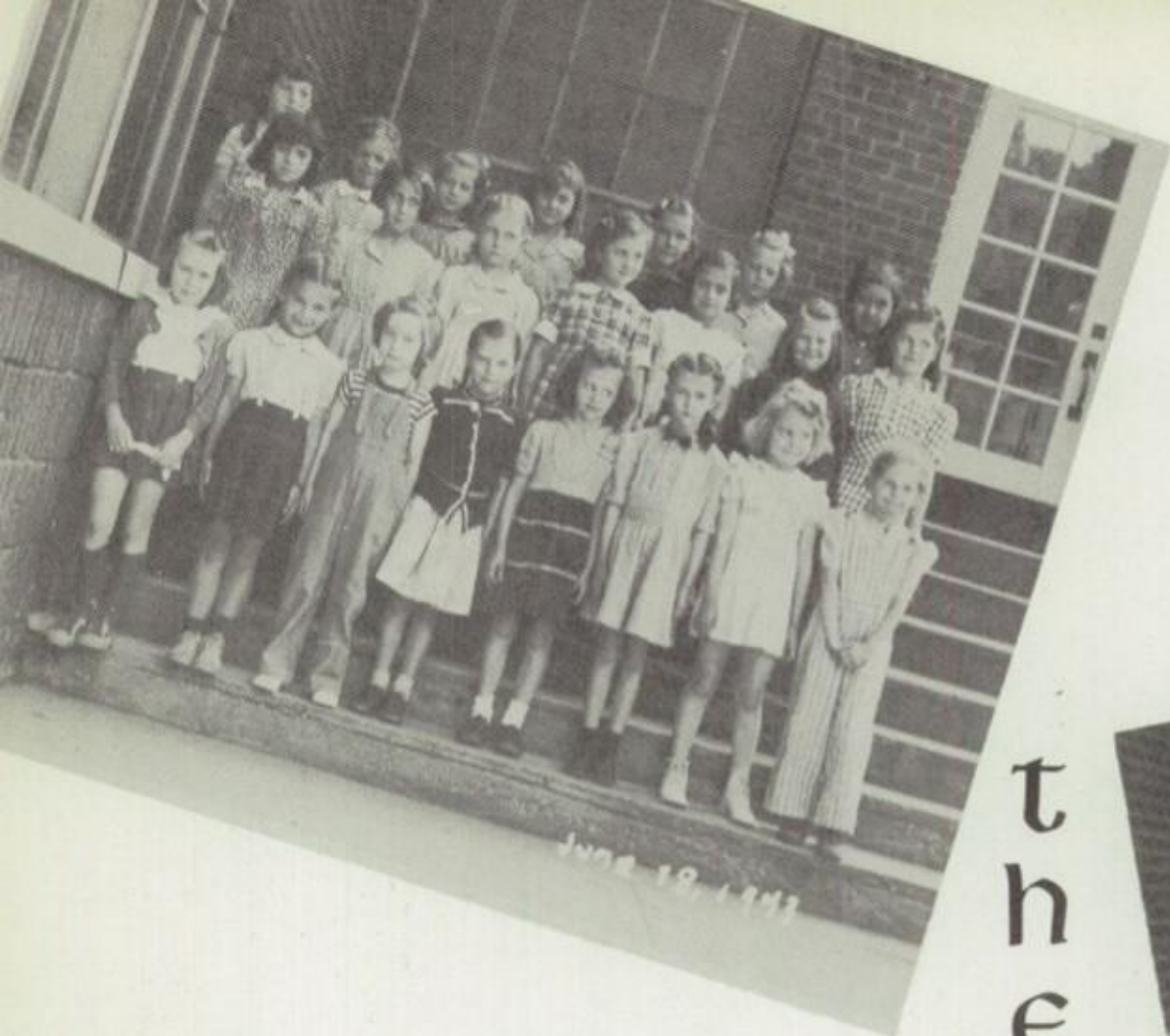
turtles, and flowers. White garden furniture added to the decorative effect.

"A Night in Paris" was attended by students, faculty, and alumni. Refreshments were served in the cafe "Moulin Rouge" by bartenders Carl Silas and Joe Govia.

Entertainment included a comedian, Don Layne, from Kalamazoo College. Others entertaining were Judy Murch and Nancy Sinclair, who played a piano duet, and Susan Burger, vocal soloist.

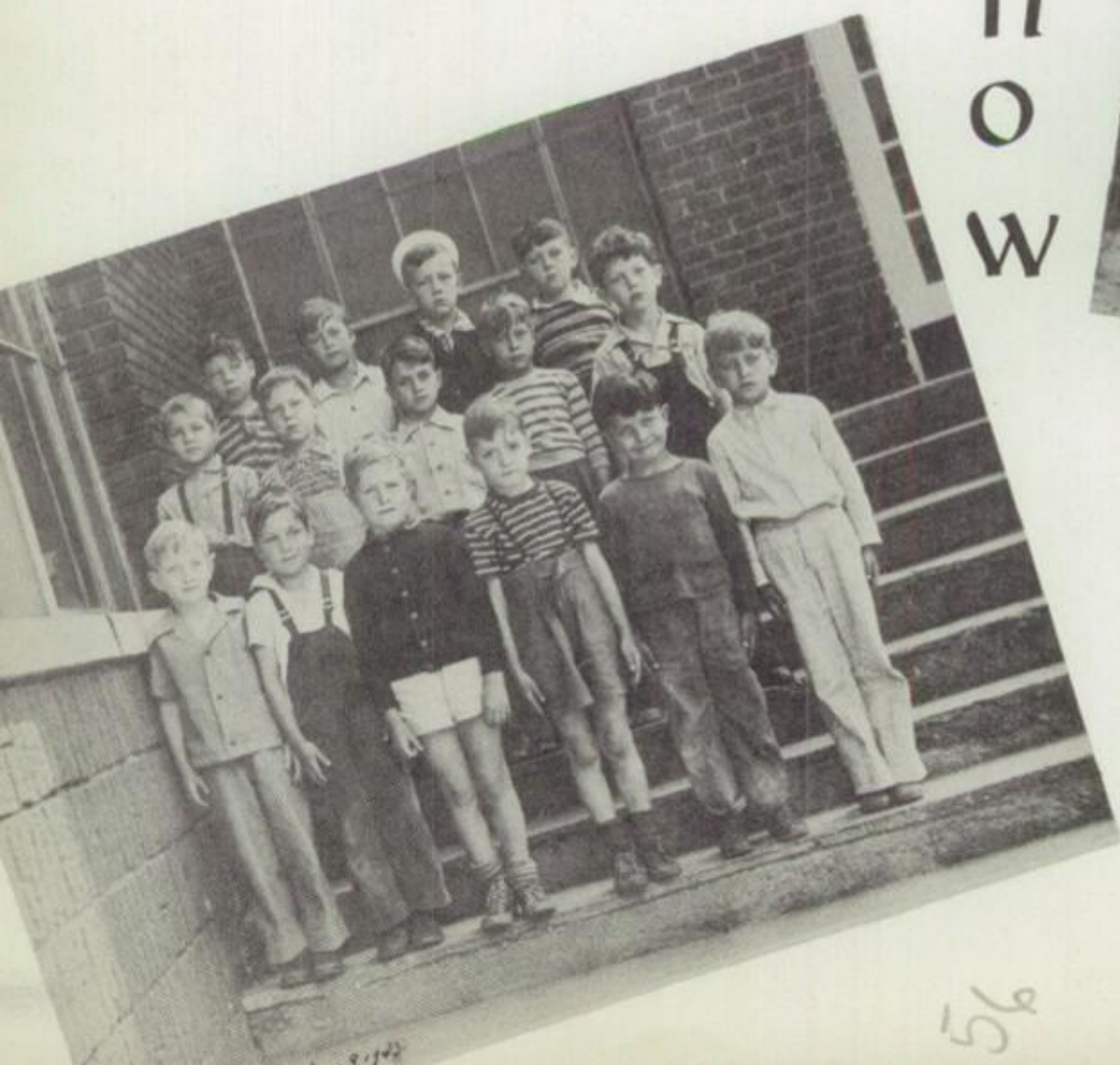
Master- of-ceremonies for the evening was Chuck Langerveld, who did an excellent job.





Several members of this year's
graduating class have managed to
spend all of their thirteen years
within the ivy-covered walls of
Paw Paw High.

Here they are - then and now!



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Long, long ago



Row 1 J. Quigno, J. Whitmore, J. Murch, R. Lanphear, J. Hartman
 Row 2 B. Pederson, S. Swindell, D. Dage, P. Blakeman
 Row 3 D. Hoyer, A. Stoughton
 Row 4 J. Webb, R. Bukovac, C. Silas

Long, long ago



- Row 1 S. Paulus, P. Berner, P. McNellis, B. Meyer
 Row 2 J. TenHouten, M. Pugsley, G. Barnes, G. Gustafson
 Row 3 L. Hall, W. Skibbe, M. Edlund
 Row 4 J. Hoyer, E. McKee, F. Walters, S. Burger

Long, Long ago



Row 1 A. Kubian, G. Miller, C. Wolfe, S. Monroe
 Row 2 L. Goodenough, S. Cole
 Row 3 J. Goveia, B. Ritsema, J. Carrington, B. Henderson
 Row 4 L. Baker, M. Pugsley, G. Barkovich, C. Poulin

class history

That long-awaited day has finally arrived. Before long now, we, the Class of '54, will be marching, as sedately as possible, down the aisles of our beloved auditorium to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance. We'll all be feeling just a little proud and happy to think, "This is our graduation night. One of those diplomas up there is mine." But along with this feeling of pride and accomplishment, I think most of us will find a slight feeling of sadness and perhaps an occasional tear. For on this night that culminates a very important part of our lives we will recall the happenings of the past thirteen years in a new light, as things that are a part of the 'school days' we are leaving behind. We will remember the things that have been important and dear to us.

How big we felt on that September day back in 1941 when we could say to our younger friends, "I go to school now." Mrs. DeHaan, the Kindergarten teacher, immediately became our trusted friend, as she taught us to print our names, to sing nursery rhymes, and to make Christmas gifts for our parents.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Meyers for starting us out on the right track with Dick and Jane, and other fundamentals of learning.

Second grade presents a rather dim spot in our memories, except for our teacher, Miss McQuigg, whom we will never forget.

The beloved Miss Roth and fighting to see who would head the line to recess are associated with our recollections of third grade.

In fourth grade, under the capable direction of Miss Simmons, we furthered our learning, and even began our multiplication tables. We began

carrying home intelligent-looking books. After all, weren't we the seniors of the east end of the hall?

The next year, aside from the routine "readin'", 'ritin', and 'rithmetic," Miss Brennan taught us numerous comical songs such as The Hi-So Cap. Even now, one of us is likely to come up with one of them, as they have remained our favorites. It was in the fifth grade also that we presented a very dignified (?) version of the Virginia reel for the May Festival.

Sixth grade was the culmination of our grade school experience. Poor Miss Stuftt—she really had a class on her hands! We'll always remember that inevitable plunk on the piano when she wanted our attention, and our indignation at being told to 'march' out to recess. That year we spent many a cold wintry night gazing at the stars, and showed our dramatic ability by presenting our interpretation of Robin Hood.

Seventh grade, and upstairs with the High School at last! Highlights of the year were sponsoring our own class party and attending the Junior High party and the picnic at Base-line Lake.

The next year was that 'in-between' kind. We were far over and above the seventh grade but were terribly anxious to become freshmen. The parties and picnic were still about the extent of our social life.

As ninth graders we found that we had quite a few adjustments to make. For the first time we were allowed to choose for ourselves some of the subjects we were to pursue. Many of us were by then members of the band and choir. We made our class party a hard-times affair, a very momentous occasion.

Our high school life really began when we became sophomores. We now had desks in the study hall with the rest of the Senior High and could sit around in little groups before class time and talk and act very sophisticated. We

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were now officially allowed to come to the dances and even sponsored one ourselves. The undying subject of discussion at all our class meetings was how to make money for the following year. Speaking of class meetings, they certainly were riotous affairs, but I think Miss Freer and Mr. Gillender will agree that we have improved some since then.

Our junior year was certainly a very busy but wonderful one. Our principal objective was sponsoring a good junior-senior banquet and prom. We delved quickly into various money-making projects, among them the traditional magazine sale, from which we made considerable profit. We spent many long hours of hard work in the Silas garage preparing for the prom, but when we viewed the final outcome of our labor we all agreed that it was well worth the effort, for our street in gay Paris was very much admired by all. The banquet could also be termed a great success. Our theme?--Dormez-vous. Everyone stuffed himself with the delicious turkey and home-made pie. We were all very thrilled and proud (to say the least) when we finally received our coveted class rings. Another of the big events of the year was the speech class production of Come Over to Our House, which was also a success and will never be forgotten by members of the cast.

And now here we are seniors at last. We've successfully presented the play Our Town, which will remain dear to the hearts of those of us who took part in it throughout the years to come. Thanks, Miss Freer! We've had our pictures taken and have been measured for caps and gowns, and we've struggled to meet the Wappaw deadlines. As we go to press, we are still looking forward to this year's prom, skip day, and the last of our annual treks to Silver Beach.

Yes, as we graduate on the ninth day of June, 1954, we will remember

these things-these and many others. To each of us, the diploma in our hands will mean something different. As we shake the hands of friends and relatives and receive their congratulations, we will all be thinking different thoughts and remembering different things, but in the back of each of our minds- that little voice saying, "I'm just a tiny bit sorry that I'm leaving." The future too holds something different for each of us. Some of us will go on to college, and others will find jobs. A few have made their matrimonial plans already. But no matter where we go or what we do, I'm sure none of us will ever forget the valuable experiences we've encountered here at Paw Paw High School. To the teachers who have so capably helped to guide us during these past thirteen years, we say a big "Thank you."



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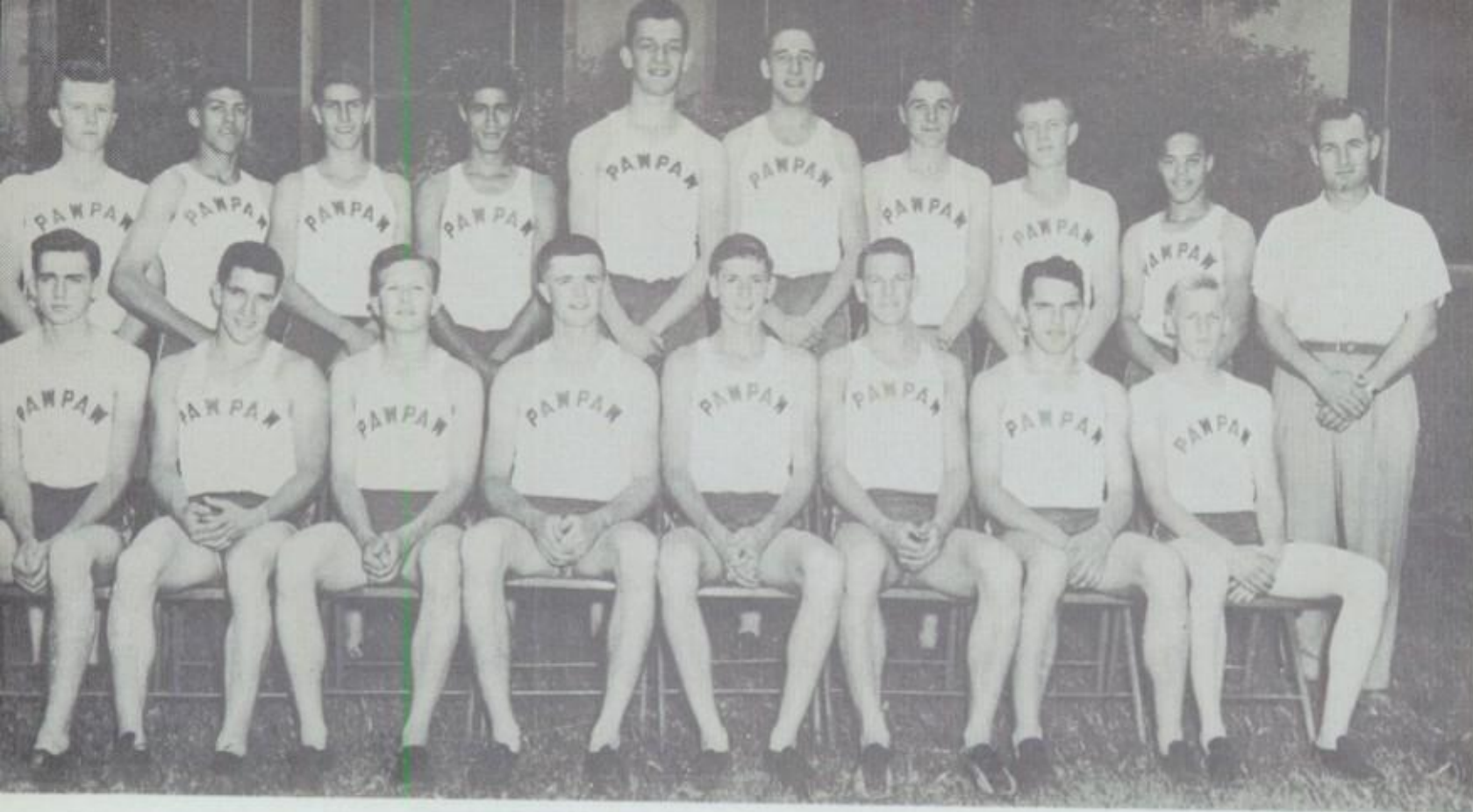


Row 2. B. Henderson, T. Bessey, G. Miller, J. Abnet, B. Kruse, G. Thomas.
Row 1. Coach Wragg, A. Coker, T. Horn, L. Barkovich, L. Baxter, R. Schincarol.

Student Coach Dick Wragg's baseball team turned out a very fine league record in the spring of '53, capturing the second place berth with a record of four wins and two losses.

At the end of the season, the 'Skins had a 5-4 mark, losing two hard-fought tussles with Bangor.





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Last Row- John Adriance, Ed Bradley, Ronnie Adams, Wilbur Ampey, Carl Silas Joe Govia, Jerry Abnet, Bert Kruse, Roger Goens, Coach Wayne Falan.

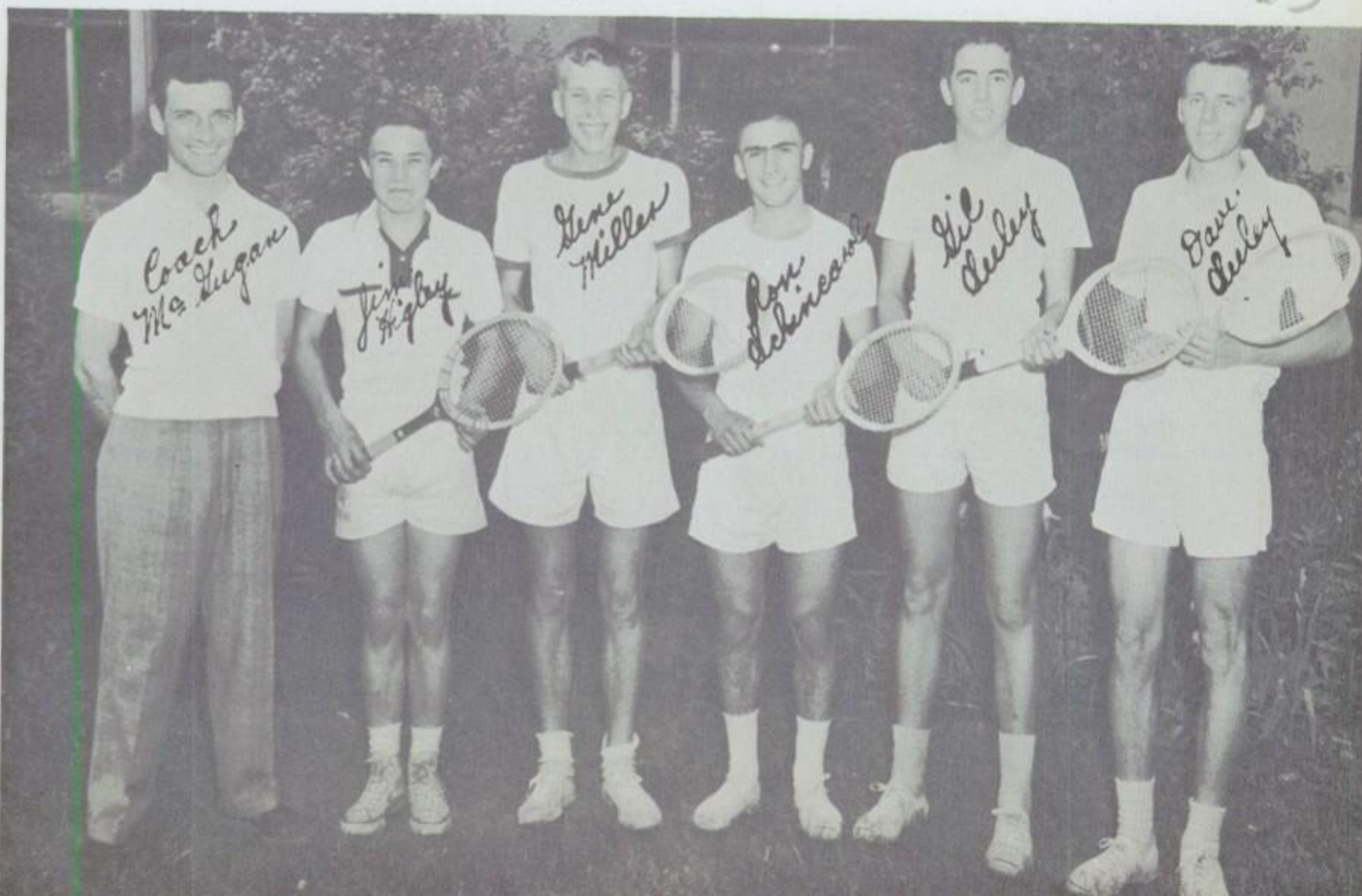
First Row- Ed. McKee, Bill Ewert, Don Fournier, Ed. Buskirk, Tom Horn, LaVerne Baxter, Morris Carmody, Carlton Irving.

The track team had one of its finest seasons in 1953. The Redskins placed first in the K. V. A. League Meet, racking up a total of 105 points to a mere 23 for the second place winner.

Varsity tennis was added to the sports program in 1953. Coach Vince McGugan's net squad completed its initial year in third place with a respectable 3-3 record in the K. V. A. League.

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V a R S I T Y C L U B

The Varsity Club, organized in 1925 to encourage higher standards of sportsmanship and scholarship, is composed of boys who have won varsity awards during their years in high school sports.

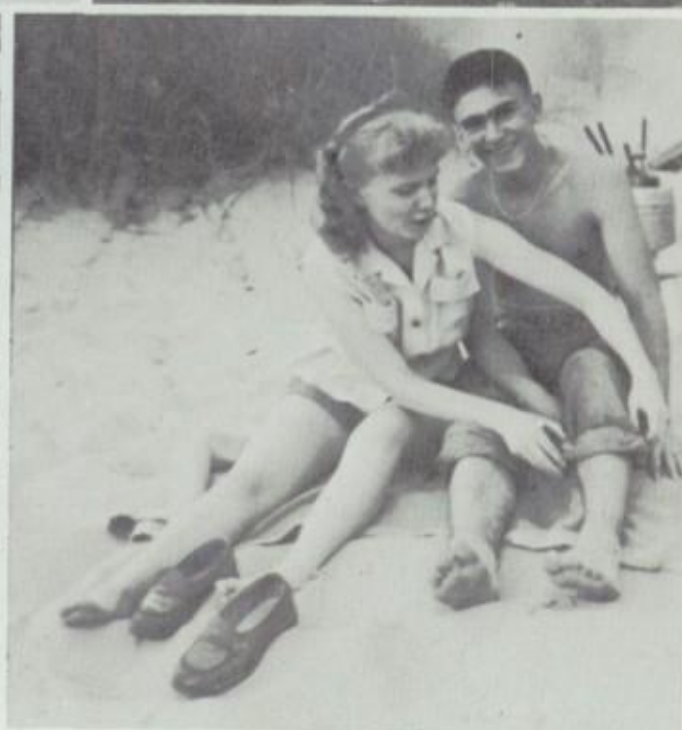
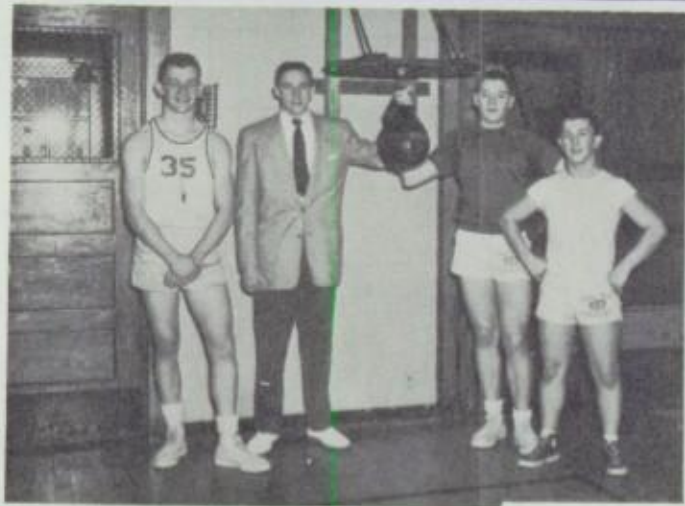
President: Joe Goveia Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Miller

Vice President: Dave Hoger Bouncers: Bill Ewert
Bert Kruse

Throughout the 1953-54 athletic season, the cheerleaders led Redskin fans in their cheering at all varsity football and basketball games.

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